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## ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET APPROVED



# COUNCIL UPDATE

The Devonport City Council's 2019/20 Budget – approved along with the Annual Plan at last night's Council meeting - includes an average general rate rise equating to little more than half of the Consumer Price Index for most ratepayers.

Over the past five years while the CPI has increased by 8.1% the city's general rate has only risen by 2.1%, which included four consecutive years of zero increases.

Most property owners will pay an extra \$10-\$20 in their general rate plus a \$10 increase in their waste management charge, the first increase in waste charges in two years. The majority of commercial customers, who receive three times the collection frequency of residential customers, will see an increase of \$30 in their waste management charge, but no increase in their general rate.

Council has had to factor into its Budget a 5.14% increase in the

State Fire Levy.

This is a State Government charge and one which Council is required to collect and forward directly to them.

The 2019/20 Capital Works program outlines a total spend of \$16.79 million, with almost \$4 million expected to come from external funding (**see page two for more details**).

The coming financial year promises to be an active time in Devonport with early work having begun on the privately funded \$40 million hotel development on the corner of Best and Rooke Streets, a continuation of the LIVING CITY masterplan strategy.

The Waterfront Park is a \$15 million construction project which will be two-thirds funded by a \$10 million Federal Government grant. The construction tender for the project is expected to be let in August.

A copy of the 2019/20 Annual Plan and Budget Estimates is available

# COUNCIL APPROVES \$16.79 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS BUDGET

The Council's 2019/20 Capital Works program outlines a total spend of \$16.79 million, with about \$4 million expected to come from external funding.

This includes –

- \$1.32 million for public open space and recreation
- \$6.29 million for transport (roads and footpaths)
- \$1.29 million for stormwater and;
- \$6 million for the LIVING CITY waterfront development.

Key projects are –

## Public Open Space & Recreation

Main Valley Road soccer ground	\$182,000
Coastal Pathway lighting (Aitkenhead Point to Skate Park)	\$150,000
Bluff Beach accessible ramp	\$100,000
Mersey Bluff inclusive playground	\$96,000
Highfield Park new path	\$40,000

## Transport

Northern Rooke Street renewal	\$1,000,000
Resealing program	\$700,000
Coastal Pathway contribution	\$600,000
Fenton & Stewarts Streets Intersection Safety Improvements	\$415,000
Berrigan Road & Lyons Avenue Intersection Safety Improvements	\$400,000

## Stormwater

Oldaker Street (East) stormwater catchment update (stage 1)	\$1,000,000
William Street stormwater improvements (Fourways Eastside)	\$50,000

## Buildings & Facilities

Miandetta Park toilet facilities	\$150,000
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## Plant & Equipment

Side-Arm Garbage truck replacement (net)	\$360,000
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## LIVING CITY

\$6,000,000



To be held from 25-28 July, this year's Devonport Jazz Festival will be headlined by the great multi-instrumentalist James Morrison and is brimming with acts from Tasmania and the mainland, which will please both jazz lovers and the general public.

Other exciting elements of the Festival include the Squeezebox Cabaret (complete with a meal, dance troupe and big band), sensational traditional band The Syncopators, the RAN Jazz Ensemble Melbourne, the ABC Radio live broadcast, a schools' tour and Pure Jazz Sessions.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased through participating venues or the paranapple arts centre. Or for the full festival experience purchase a festival pass for just \$199 which gives access to more than 20 events. Full event details can be found at [www.devonportjazz.com.au](http://www.devonportjazz.com.au)

## KELCEY TIER MASTER PLAN APPROVED

Following extensive consultations with interest groups, Council last night approved the Kelcey Tier Master Plan.

Councillors were told that given the range of activities and its increasing popularity as a public space, it was important for Council to consider the needs of all parties while ensuring the environmental and natural values of the area were not compromised.

The Plan will contribute to the area being sustainably managed and in accordance with best practice.

This will enable the identified values for the reserve to be maintained and preserved while allowing it to be used for recreational purposes.

The Plan sets out recommendations relating to infrastructure requirements for the area.

However, as Council does not have funds committed in the 2019/20 financial year to undertake capital works any proposed works would either need to be factored into the forward capital works program or external funding sourced through other avenues.

Councillors were also told that an increase in the number and use of the trails would result in an increase in operational costs for Council to manage the risks in the area.

A copy of the Plan can be found at <http://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/Council/Publications-Plans-Reports/Council-Plans-Strategies>